AMENDMENT

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please delete the Sequence Listing and insert therefor the substitute Sequence Listing submitted as text concurrently herewith through EFS-Web.

At page 9, please delete lines 1-4 and replace with the following:

cloning site for the *Stu*I, *Xho*I and *Sma*I restriction enzymes, using the following oligonucleotide primers: 5'-GGCCGCAGGCCTCTCGAGCCCGGGG (SEQ ID NO:1) and 5'-GATCCCCCGGGCTCGAGAGGCCTGC (SEQ ID NO:2). The fragment encoding the

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by PCR with the following oligonucleotides: 5'-ATCCGGGGTCTCCCATGTTTCAGGACCCACAGGAGCGAC (SEQ ID NO:3) and 5'-ATCCGGGGTCTCGGTACCGCGGCCGCTTACAGCTGGGTTTCTCTACGTGTTC (SEQ ID NO:4),

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Bacteriol. **179**, 477-486) as template and the oligonucleotides: 5'-GCGCGCAGATCTAGCTACTCATTAGTTAAGTGTAATG (SEQ ID NO:5) and 5'-GGCCGGGGATCCGAATTCGTTCTCATAAAGTTTTTTTGCTCAAG (SEQ ID NO:6). This fragment was then digested with the *Bgl*II and *BamH*I

At page 17, please delete lines 35-39 and replace with the following:

CGCGCGAATTCATGAAAATCGAAGAAGGTA (SEQ ID NO:7) and oligo 2, 5'-GACTTTAGGATCGGTATCTTTCTCGAATTTCTTA (SEQ ID NO:8); oligo 3, 5'-GATACCGATCCTAAAGTCACCGTTGAGCATCC (SEQ ID NO:9) and oligo 4, 5'-

CGCGCGGGATCCCTATGAAATCCTTCCCTCGATCCC (SEQ ID NO:10). The two PCR fragments were then purified and mixed in an equimolar